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Merry Christmas

WOMEN'S FORMAL BANQUET HELD

The Annual Women's Formal Banquet was held Thursday, Nov. 15, at Palmer Hall. The women of the college enjoyed an interesting talk entitled, "The Heavens and You" given by Miss Eleanor Gleason, guest speaker.

Seated at the head table were: Mrs. Sanders, Miss Bradt, Miss Barnicle, and Miss Worthington. The student representatives were: Charlotte Drury, president of the student co-operative; Priscilla Morley, president of the commuting women; Lucille Currie, president of Miller Hall and the representatives of each group. Miss Charlotte Drury acted as toast-mistress.

Vocal solos were given by Madelyn La Force and Annabelle Tardiff. An ensemble composed of Ruth Brennan, Rosemary Crowell, Irene O'Connell, and Judy Prankunas played an Entrance March, and Kay Bailey directed the group singing.

Following the banquet, a dance was held in Palmer Hall and games were played in Miller Hall.

Chairmen of the committees were: Menu, Kay Bailey; Seating, Rosemary Crowell; Decorations, Lucille Currie; Setting up, Ruth Brennan; Songs, Kay Bailey; Songbook covers, Margaret Mary Mallahy; Place cards, Mildred Stone; Social, Betty Wright.

and Happy New Year

SURVEY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Early in November, the class in Trends of Secondary Education became interested in school public relations and more particularly the participation of teachers in this field.

The individual class members engaged in supplementary reading in the field of public relations and reported their findings in class. This reading aroused a curiosity which nurtured an enthusiasm to conduct a survey of the Massachusetts area teachers, broadcasting stations, and newspapers. The group was interested to know how school news was being made known to the public, what the teachers and school administrators on all levels were doing to promote public relations, and how receptive the general public is to school news.

A committee was organized to formulate plans for the study. The general committee allocated the work of preparing forms, mailing lists, and assembling returns, etc., to several sub-committees.

In preparing the questionnaire, each class member was asked to hand in five questions which he thought would cover the information for which we were searching.

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DR. WILLIAM J. SANDERS INAUGURAL HELD

Dr. William J. Sanders sounded the keynote for his administration at the college in his inaugural address on Wednesday, December 12, when he said that the faculty is working on a program designed to free students from the shackles of the intolerance which in the name of unity of thought and action is tending to snuff out reason and freedom, namely the great organizing movement in American education which is designed to make us all think alike.

Prior to his address, Dr. Sanders was formally installed as the fourth president of the college by Dr. Julius E. Warren, commissioner of education.

Dr. Clyde Hill, chairman of the graduate department of education at Yale university gave the second main address of the afternoon. Declaring that the purpose of the Fitchburg State Teachers college is "to produce teachers for a free society." Dr. Hill asserted that "free teachers must know all it is possible for them to know of the peoples of the world." He further maintained that "a love of teaching and the fortitude for teaching" are necessary attributes.

Dr. Patrick J. Sullivan, director of the division of elementary and secondary school education and State Teachers colleges, presided. The invocation was given by Rev.

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EDITORIAL

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

In every distant land, where the shadow of the present war has left its terrible marks of destruction and despair on souls of man, peace has finally been acclaimed. For the majority, the ending of hostilities will mean the end of anxiety as to what will happen to "him" over there. This Christmas above all others, should be remembered as one in which everlasting peace must be our goal. Yes, the guns have stopped their terrible devastation for millions of men, women and children.

Ours is a bright and cheering picture indeed. But there will be others who will not have such a beautiful picture. They are the people 'over there' who have been in the midst of the war, where peace will mean nothing more than the ending of hostilities, for their sufferings must go on, as sickness and starvation will set in. It is not a beautiful picture as they see it.

May we thank God that ours is not the fate that these many people must face. We can be thankful that our loved ones are now returning home and may this Christmas be enjoyed to the fullest for they deserve all the goodness and kindness one can show them. It has been a long time since they had departed for the grim task of killing and slaughtering the enemy. They were home-loving folks like you and me. Our farewells, when they left our shores, may have been the last, but in one's heart, there was always the hope that through it all he would come back.

May this Christmas of peace be followed by many

The Ash Tray



Hello, Gals and Guys! Here we are again with a few little humorous items and bits of philosophy which we hope will make you forget all your worries and cares for a little while. Remember, a generous quantity of laughter is about the quickest acting medicine yet discovered. A lot of people's trouble could be avoided if they just laughed more often.

POME

The gum-chewing girl
And the cud-chewing cow
Are somewhat alike,
Yet different somehow,
What difference?
Oh, yes. I see it now.
It's the thoughtful look
On the face of the cow.

(Any resemblance to T. C. students is purely coincidental.—Editor)

THE INVENTION OF THE CENTURY: (WE hope to have a patent before mid-year).

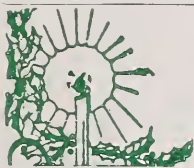
A machine to absorb knowledge and transfer it to the human brain. A book be placed on a tray at one end of the machine, and at night the machine would be aimed at the subjects head. As he sleeps he absorbs his English, math, or science without the least bit of mental exertion.

MONDAY MORNING BLUES

A dansa
A data
Perchanca
But lata
A classa
A quizza
No passa
Gee Whizza!!

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more. Pray that man may stray away from the paths of war to settle disputes; that our future in the world be secure so that mankind may benefit to the fullest extent.



Holiday Greetings



The feast of Christmas marks our Lord's promise of Man's redemption and of his ultimate happiness.

This is a particularly happy Christmas because of the end of the especially brutal aspects of war, and some improvement of Man's lot on this earth seems to be in view.

Let us fervently pray, however, that Christ will inspire our national leaders with charity in dealing with our vanquished enemies and with wisdom in dealing with our victorious friends.

W. J. SANDERS,
President, F. T. C.



Dear Santa



Although we as prospective teachers need a great many things for Christmas, we are going to prove that we have big hearts and ask you to favor our faculty, to whom we are greatly indebted, with the following:

To Dr. Sanders—Our very best wishes for the happiest Christmas.

To Mr. Weston—A medal for victorious achievement in regard to the master sheet for next semester.

To Mr. Harrington — A new Peace Pipe for the Mohawk Club when, if ever, they get it started again.

To Miss Hassell—A copy of the new book "Good Conduct in the Library" for her to display.

To Mr. Donahue—A dictionary of simplified synonyms for stricken Psychology classes.

To Mrs. Simmons—A third set of glasses for reading time.

To Miss Curry — A new 1946 Victrola.

To Miss McCarty — The best wishes from all the trainers.

To Mr. Rinehart.— An album of records so the T. C. students can concentrate on their penmanship.

To Miss Conlon — An Art supply house so that she may have enough of everything now that the war is over.

To Dr. Percival — A mid-year exam in which the "Introduction to Education" class can answer at least one quarter of the questions.

To Mr. Sullivan — A standard outline of what to cover in Physical Science in "one" semester.

To Miss Nixon — A complete library of the **World's Best Literature** for her enjoyment.

To Miss Bradt — A dorm full of girls who never raise their voices above a whisper.

To Mr. Randall — Lots of patience for his poor Junior methods classes.

To Miss Bolger and Mr. Eliot — A new modernized gym completely furnished with all the latest equipment.

To Miss Gearan — Three more weeks in the semester so that she can take life easy for awhile.

To Mr. Landall — A class that will be able to follow his "job sheets."

To Mr. Purrington — Some solder that will stick.

To Mr. Hammond — Please ask him to sing again in our assembly.

To Mr. Hague — A new press so that we might print the Stick on campus.

To Mr. Anthony — A violin so that he may "practice on his fiddle" in his spare time.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Pitt Parker, noted cartoonist and lecturer gave an interesting and varied program at the weekly assembly. The theme was "This Funny Old World" and he illustrated his ideas with cartoon and two colored chalk pictures of Niagara Falls and Mt. Rainier. David Scanlon was in charge of the assembly and introduced the cartoonist.

One assembly was taken over by Dick Tucker at the microphone, who conducted a "Truth or Else" program with contestants chosen from the audience. The person who didn't know the answer had to pay the consequences. The consequences were to lead the audience in group singing. Ralph Curran had to do a Mexican Hat Dance which was done first by Pat Hes-sion, Bob Hansen had to mimic Frank Sinatra singing — Dreams. Ethel Cotter and Cafiero Ciancarelli gave piano and violin solos.

Dr. Bruebacher spoke at the weekly assembly on the philosophy of education.

Christmas Assembly Program:
Narrator, Kay Bailey—reading the traditional Christmas story according to St. Luke: chapter II.

1. "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
2. "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming"
3. "Silent Night"
4. "Glory To God"
5. "Hark Now O Shepards"
6. "Shepards' Christmas Song"

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CLUB- DUBBINGS



The wheels for the years work here at F. T. C. are once more busily spinning as the various clubs and societies get underway once more. All in all, if everything goes well and the maturing plans develop as they are expected to, this year should be a gay one here within the walls of our college. It might be possible too, that the fairly large enrollment of "man power" this year has had an effect on the growth and betterment of the conditions of some of the societies such as the Dramatic Club.

DRAMATIC CLUB

The club counselor this year is Mr. Burns and the officers consist of Peggy Blood as President, Priscilla Morley as Vice-President, Kay Bailey as Secretary and Clare O'Connell as Treasurer. These very able persons coupled with the large enrollment of enthusiastic members, should do a magnificent job of the task which lies before them. A large program for the year is in the offing, and the society plans to present a number of plays. Recently, several new male members were accepted into the midst of the formerly all girl club, and with these few, everything promises to be far more, shall we say—interesting?

The Dramatic Club held a dance December 14, in the college gymnasium. The dance committee include Joseph Riley, Peggy Blood, Priscilla Morley, and Eleanor Fusco.

At a current meeting, the cast was selected for "Two Crooks and a Lady", a psychological drama which the club plans to produce about January fifteenth. Eleanor Fusco, Priscilla Morley, Marjorie Wheatley and Joseph Riley form the nucleus of the cast, with two

more players to be added. Joe Riley will coach the drama.

The "March Heir", a comedy which is now in rehearsal, will be presented by the club in January. The cast includes Peggy Blood, Kay Bailey, Jeanette Smith, Carl Peterson and Ralph Curran.

GLEE CLUB

Our very able Miss Curry is again working in her quiet efficient manner, getting everything in the musical department zipping along at top speed. As usual, the schedule for the two musical clubs of the school, the Choral Ensemble and The Glee Club, is extremely heavy, as they are working on the music for the Christmas Assembly and the February Pops Concert and the Spring Assembly. There are always a hundred and one little things which are constantly popping up throughout the school year which require a great deal of preparation.

In the Choral Ensemble this year are the following students: Madeline LaForce, Ruth Hanson, Kay Bailey, Barbara Addison, Mary Lou Sullivan, Jane Savard, Annabelle Tardiff, Pauline Boldini, Margaret Wheatley, Ann Harrington, Lucille Currie, Clare O'Connell, Margaret Mallahy, Lorraine Morris, Betty Wright, Helen Peck, Sally O'Connor, Irene Carroll, Jeanette Smith, Peggy Ryan.

The Glee Club too, boasts of a very large and seemingly capable membership and everyone apparently is greatly enthusiastic over the new and inspiring selections which are being diligently worked upon every Wednesday afternoon at 1:15.

"There's nothing so fair as a maidens voice raised in sweet tones to the heav'ns at noon."

STUDENT FORUM

Officers for the college debating society, the student forum, have also been elected. They are Ruth

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Alumni



ENGAGEMENTS AMONG ALUMNI

T. C. Boy Meets Girl at Divinity School

Charles Hodgman, graduate of this school, and now a senior at Gordon Divinity school, has chosen for his future bride Caroline Wilkins of Worcester.

The bride is a graduate of the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital in Gardner. She is at present studying at the Divinity college, and like Charles is a senior.

Our former student member has reached the height of his ambition for he is now serving as Pastor of First Baptist church in Westminster. Best wishes to you Charles and to your prospective bride.

T. C. Girl Betrothed to Former Air Corps Man

Doris Caouette has become engaged to Robert Legree, nephew of Mrs. William Aubrey of seventy-six Walnut Street. Legree served with the air corps. He is now discharged, having given twenty-three months of overseas duty.

The future bride is now teaching at Riverbend school in Athol.

Good wishes are extended to you both for happiness and prosperity.

Graduate of T. C. Teaching in Hills of Arizona

Anne Lamb, formerly known as Anne Befuse, is teaching at Tonto Basin in Gile country Arizona.

Our readers will be interested to know that the noted author Zane Gray, has written two books about this territory where Anne is teaching namely: "Keeper of the Bees" and "Tonto Bim." Anne also writes that Arizona is a progressive state and has high educational standards even in the rural countrys.

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ALUMNI

Doings of '43

Marjorie Killelea is the lass with the gifted fingers who teaches music and art in Leominster. She is impatient for the day when Lt. Jack O'Neil will come sailing forth from the South Pacific.

Walter Pierce basks in Los Angeles sunshine. He is elevated to the position of store manager of an exclusive kiddie shop. His workday life is spent within the confines of "Gail Patrick's Enchanted Cottage for Children."

James Amsler speeds homeward to cast a loving fatherly eye on the latest addition to his family. The proud Mother of his baby girl, Jane Frances, is Frances Valley who was deservedly voted "most likely to succeed" in her class of '43. Edwin Frye '41, upon his release from the army, made speedy tracks to his wife, Vera Kerney '40. Lt. and Mrs. Nelson Wood '43, the former Jane Beer are proud of an infant son, Peter.

Charles O. Andrews '36, steps back into pre-induction teaching at Weaver High. Lee Houle could boast of his flying experiences with the esteemed Chenault of Flying Tigers. Sgt. Esther M. Evans gabs about her army job, where she played weatherman. Mary E. Hill deserts Groton teaching for more lucrative pay at Lovell General Hospital.

Mary Collins' march to the altar with Ray J. Lund terminated her classroom career. Sylvia Wartainen concluded a three year teaching span at Greensboro Bend, Vermont. John Hazinga of Hillboro is her spouse. Both Mary Haley and Alice Lee have taken husbands. Lucille Harrington has also affixed Mrs. to her name.

Paul Kirby A Civilian Again

Paul Kirby, graduate of class of '41, has returned to civilian life. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on Nov. 22, of this year.

Kirby's return will be especially appreciated by Mr. Harrington. Yes, Mr. Harrington, you now have a chess partner once again.

Paul's plans for the future as yet, remain indefinite. He did however remark to me, that he did not desire to teach. Right now his interest tends toward the field of accounting. Well, good luck Paul in all your future undertakings.

WHEN A NEW LIFE BEGAN

Long ago and yet so near
It happened one night when
The sky so clear
That stars above were
brilliant and one
So shining, so bright—a
new life had begun.

Picture thus a lowly stall
Cattle, sheep, oxen and all,
And then robes so rich with
purple and gold
That breaths were caught and
hands turned cold.

And in the midst of this
bold contrast
There was a mother with a
babe he'd fast,
And a loving father standing by
Giving his son to the earth
and sky.

And a loving, glowing, gentle light
Surrounded them all this cold,
still night.
Christ had come for you and
for me.
God's son was here, all souls
to free.

Constance Lundberg.

Survey of Public Relations

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Some of the questions were, for example, how many P.T.A.'s, number of meetings, and number attended by the person questioned. Other questions were concerned with the publicity department in the school and the people contributing items, newspapers printing such material, etc. Still more questions covered "open house" in the schools, number of programs, and attendance at such meetings,

school funds, provision for vocational guidance, and the use of radio in the school, including the number of pupils and teachers broadcasting, and the number of people submitting material to be used on these broadcasts.

The accumulated data report was based on the total of sixty-three returns from teachers, including alumni of Fitchburg Teachers College, and forty-three principals of elementary schools, Teachers College Presidents and Directors of Training, newspapers (none of which were large metropolitan newspapers or newspapers located in our college area) and broadcasting stations.

We were most especially interested in the radio reports because so many of the current books and periodicals are featuring radio as the dynamic, vitalizing force in the handling of school affairs. In light of current reading materials and expectations they stimulate, we think that the results of our survey of the use of radio by the schools and the demand for school news by the radio audience is rather disappointing.

Mr. Charles L. Langston, principal of an elementary school in Amarillo, Texas, has written an article, "Radio's Role in Public Relations" which is particularly interesting for the information he has given us about putting punch into public relations. He shows without a doubt that it isn't mere chance that puts a program across, but hard work and level headed planning and organization. He has shown us the utilization of the facilities of radio to the highest point in the primary grades to the senior high school.

As future teachers we should have the responsibility of finding what the radio can do for schools, not only through discussion and study in class work but also through the participation in radio-centered activities here at Fitchburg Teachers College.

Assembly Programs

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7. "O Come All Ye Faithful"
8. "White Dove"
9. "Bring A Torch"
10. "Three Kings From Eastern Lands"
11. "He Shall Feed His Flock"
12. "Rex Glorise"

The scenery and costumes will be taken care of by:

D. Brooks	K. Bailey
A. Daley	E. Cotter
P. D'Arcangelo	L. Currie
G. Merrick	L. Morris
P. Morley	J. Savard
T. Webber	A. Tardiff
B. Addison	E. Yennaco

At the November assembly, the students and faculty witnessed a one act melodrama entitled "He Ain't Done Right By Nell", produced by the Dramatic Club. The cast, which was announced by Jeanette Smith, included Priscilla Morley as "Little Nell", Betty McGuirk as "Granny", Dick Gardner as the "Villain", Joe Riley, the "Hero", Eleanor Fusco, "the other woman", Marjorie Wheatley, "a gossip neighbor", and Lew Muller, "the wealthy daddy."

As a result of excellent acting by the cast as a whole, the audience thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the farce. The play was directed by Peggy Blood and Mr. Burns, Sponsor of the Club.

Miss Gloria Boscardin, Red Cross field director of arts and skills at Lovell North hospital, spoke at the alumni assembly held on Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the college assembly hall.

She outlined the foundation of this branch of the Red Cross and discussed its purposes. She displayed many pieces of craftsmanship which soldiers in the Lovell hospital have made.

Paul J. Corcoran, principal of the vocational school at Worcester, also spoke about his work and emphasized the fact that sympa-

thetic understanding by the teacher of the problem student will bring out his latent abilities.

Miss Madelyn LaForce, a member of the junior class, sang three solos, "Caro Mio Ben", "The Valley of Laughter", and "Dearest Believe."

Miss Belle Nixon presided and Dr. William J. Sanders spoke briefly before the main speakers.

The assembly closed with the singing of "The Alma Mater."

CLUBDUBBINGS

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Baker, President, Mary Jean O'Connor, Vice-President, Agnes McDermott, Secretary, and Rose Mary Crowell, Treasurer. There have been several meetings of the club thus far this year. During the first meeting a round table discussion of the 'pros' and 'cons' of progressive education was held which proved to be a very fiery subject—that is before the members got through with it! Plans for the year are not yet definite, but if everything goes as expected there will be a number of debates with various colleges before this year comes to a close. It is the aim of the Forum not only to teach the whys, hows, and wherefores of speaking ability, but also to help its members in learning how to express their feelings without the traditional knee knocking and so forth which usually accompanies such an incident. Therefore, it is sincerely hoped by the members of the Forum that no one has refrained from joining the debating club because he is not second in eloquence to Demosthenes, Henry, or the like.

On November 14, the Forum held a triangle discussion with the Worcester and Salem Teachers Colleges. The topic for discussion was "Should a married woman who took a wartime position relinquish it now that the urgent need is passed?" Ruth Baker was

CO-REC.

Time? 12:30

Any Mon., Wed. or Friday

Place? The Gym

What?... Volleyball, Table Tennis

Who? Everyone

Yes, come one come all to the Co-Rec. It's going strong with both dorm and day students, boys and girls enjoying the available facilities. The playing of these games not only encourages good sportsmanship and strives for a better knowledge of one's contemporaries, but also (being right after dinner) helps indigestion. If you don't know how to play, come, and we'll show you; if you do know how, come and we'll show you how not to. It's a lot of fun anyway. We'll be looking for YOU!

chairman, and speakers were Geraldine Walcott and Geraldine Kane of Worcester Teachers College, Frances Calia and Mary Collins of Salem Teachers College, and Lorraine Morris and Francis Gaudet of Fitchburg Teachers College.

Miss Gertrude Cunningham is sponsor of the club.

ART CLUB

Last but not least on our list, we have that very active and educational group, the Art Club which functions so well under the talented hand of Miss Conlon. This year, under Margaret Mary Mallahy as President and Marcia Doyle as Secretary and Treasurer, the club has decided to make as many trips to places of particular interest as is possible. Also, in addition to the regular workshop periods which have been held every week in the past, the members have decided that they will have guest days which will allow them to bring their friends to share in the fun. Sounds as though it would be rather interesting—huh?